

BRIEFING

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SUEZ BACKGROUND: ANNEX A--EGYPTIAN MILITARY DISPOSITIONS

Ground Forces, Estimated strength of the Egyptian Army (including the National Guard) is now 107,000. This force is deployed in three principal areas, as follows:

Sinai Peninsula & Israeli Front - - 34,400

Canal Zone - - 15,000

Nile Delta Area - - 56,100

A G-2 estimates that 1,500 other Egyptian troops are in scattered garrisons up the Nile and in Western Desert oases.

ARMY review(s) completed.

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B. The substantial withdrawals from Sinai in the past few weeks include 1 infantry and most of 1 armored division.

C. A selective inventory of Egyptian armament shows the following.

TANKS	MISC ARMORED VEHICLES	ARTILLERY FIELD	ARTILLERY A/T		
L. M. H.	650	SP 75mm- 100mm 11	100mm- 155mm 50	SP 57mm- 75mm 151	249
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ARTILLERY A/A		ARTILLERY MISC			
20mm- 40mm	75mm- 130mm	Rocket launchers, recceless	Mortars 81mm-120mm		
470	36	1 200	288		

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Naval Forces. Principal concentrations are in three areas:

ALEXANDRIA:

4 destroyers
4 patrol escorts
6 fleet minesweepers
7 coastal minesweepers
8 motor torpedo boats

POR T SAID:

2 patrol escorts
7 motor torpedo boats

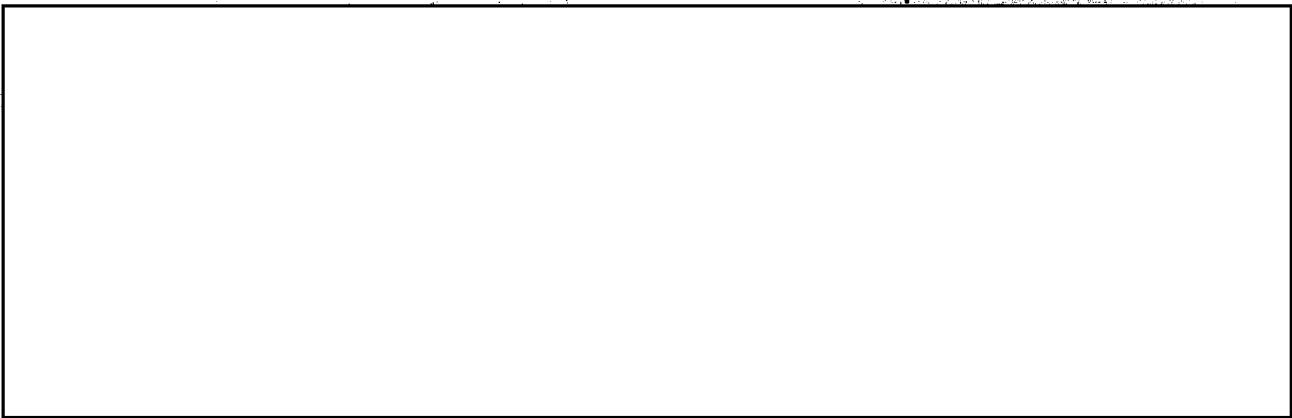
RED SEA:

1 patrol escort
6 motor torpedo
boats

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Egyptian Air Forces

- A. Recent EAF redeployment will strengthen defense of the Canal Zone at the expense of the air defense of the Cairo area.
- B. Present estimated deployment of the EAF, other than 19 IL-28s at Luxor, is in two main areas:

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CANAL ZONE AREA:

Abu Suweir -- 15 MIG-15 jet fighters Almaza -- 9 piston fighters
Fayid -- 20 Meteor jet fighters 8 piston recon.
Kabrit -- 15 MIG-15 jet fighters C/West -- 17 Vampire jet
Kasfareet -- 17 Vampire jet fighters fighters
 27 jet l. bombers
 6 piston m. bombers

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CAIRO AREA:

Inchas -- 15 MIG-15 jet fighters

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